King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 7 **Inmate Services**	
7.03.006, Pest Control	Approved By:	Director John Diaz
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Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures to be followed in the event of an ectoparasitic outbreak.

Policy
It is the policy of the department that all inmate bedding and clothing infected with an ectoparasite is disinfected immediately upon discovery and that a prescribed treatment ordered by Jail Health Services (JHS) be given to the infected inmate(s).

References
NCCHC Standard: J-B-02
Department Policies: 5.05.001, Inmate Property Room and Storage
7.03.003, Clothing, Bedding and Linen
7.03.005, Hygiene

Definitions
Ectoparasite: A parasite that lives on the exterior of its host such as fleas, ticks or lice.
Insecticide: Any pesticide used to kill, control, or deter insects.

General Guidelines
1. Ensure that all inmates are showering regularly and that proper hygiene is observed. For further guidelines refer to department policy 7.03.005, Hygiene.
2. Ensure that inmate workers are briefed on what to look for in regard to parasite infestations during clothing/linen exchange.
3. Refer to department policy 5.05.001, Inmate Property Room and Storage for dealing with new bookings that may be infected with lice or other parasites.
4. Ensure that department approved gloves are used when handling all clothing and bedding believed to be infected with an ectoparasite.
5. Clothing and bedding that is, upon visual observation, deemed to be contaminated with lice or other insects shall be:
   a. Handled only while wearing department approved gloves.
   b. Placed in a sealed bag.
   c. Mark bag with a "biohazard" sticker.

6. When an ectoparasitic infestation is discovered, the area may be treated with an insecticide spray, such as 0.5% or 1% Permethrin.
7. Before using any insecticide spray, consult with maintenance and supply and the Facilities Maintenance Division (FMD).
8. All insecticides must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
9. If needed, pest control of the facilities physical structure shall be provided through an approved exterminator agency.

Procedure

1. If Staff discover an individual who has or who feels they may have a parasitic infestation, staff shall contact their JHS provider by phone.
2. JHS will take the following steps to treat a parasitic infestation that is present on the body in the following ways:
   a. For head lice, the person will be given an anti-parasitic shampoo to use until the outbreak is corrected.
   b. For body lice (crabs), an anti-parasitic lotion is applied and left on overnight.
   c. The treatment for scabies is the same as the treatment for body lice.